

## BOOK REVIEW

**Gardener's Guide for *Hemerocallis***

JOHN P. PEAT and TED L. PETIT. 2004. **The Daylily: A Guide for Gardeners.** (0-88192-666-3, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: [www.timberpress.com](http://www.timberpress.com), [mail@timberpress.com](mailto:mail@timberpress.com), 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$29.95, 200 pp., 200+ color photographs and illustrations, 7 3/4" x 9 1/4".

*Publisher Comments:* "Few perennials are as tough and versatile as daylilies (genus *Hemerocallis*), and even fewer offer daylilies' enormous range of color, shape, and growing characteristics. The ease of hybridizing daylilies is a major attraction for the enthusiast. Any backyard gardener can hybridize daylilies, but this blessing of easy breeding can also be something of a curse to the newcomer. Tens of thousands of new daylilies are bred each year. How to choose and grow daylilies amidst this profusion? John Peat and Ted Petit have come to the rescue in this authoritative overview of all aspects of daylily history, cultivation, and breeding. Inspired by R.W. Munson Jr.'s classic treatment, *Hemerocallis*, they fully describe the history of the modern daylily. In the heart of the book, they detail the various types of hybrids and provide indispensable advice for growing all of them well. More than 200 beautiful color photographs and illustrations round out the work."

*Hemerocallis* is an ornamentally and economically important genus of ca. 15-30 species native to eastern Asia. Growers and hybridizers have developed an amazing number of cultivars over the years. According to the authors there are more than 50,000 registered daylilies and choosing the ones to include in the book was a difficult task. Actually the authors limited their selections to those that were introduced since 1992. So if you're looking for a cultivar older than 1992 you are out of luck. Besides the many colorful pics of the new cultivars, there is practical information on landscaping with daylilies, horticultural requirements, and daylily pests and diseases. IF you love daylilies you will enjoy this book —Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.